



## Counterterrorism: our approach at a glance

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**The NCTV coordinates the efforts of all the parties involved in counterterrorism in the Netherlands.**

*This infographic describes examples of these efforts.*



### Keeping the Netherlands safe Constant vigilance and continuous efforts

The current threat level requires a heightened state of vigilance among all security partners in the Netherlands. [The National Counterterrorism Strategy](#) describes the government's efforts for the 2022-2026 period. [The National Extremism Strategy for 2024-2029](#) provides frameworks for strengthening the resilience of the democratic legal order in the face of extremism. There is no such thing as 100% safety and security, which is why continuous efforts are required to keep the Netherlands safe and prepare a response to potential incidents. [The National Extreme Violence and Terrorism Crisis Plan](#) was drawn up for this purpose.



### Local approach Ideology-neutral

The local approach to radicalisation, extremism and terrorism is an essential part of the overall strategy and can be applied to all forms of extremism. Municipalities are responsible for overseeing the development and implementation of the local approach, in collaboration with relevant partners. The local approach, which is described in the [Guidelines for the local approach to radicalisation, extremism and terrorism](#), consists of three parts: Knowledge & skills, Network, and Interventions. Cooperation between partners in the security sector and the care sector is playing an increasingly important role.



### International cooperation A strong international network

Terrorism doesn't stop at national borders. Therefore the authorities, the police and the intelligence and security services must share information and work together closely at an international level. For example, the Netherlands is investing in cooperation within Europol. It is also actively engaged at other levels, including active contributions in a European context, such as the [EU Knowledge Hub on Prevention of Radicalisation](#) – where policymakers, operational partners and experts collaborate – and efforts within the Council of Europe, the [UN](#) and the [Global Counterterrorism Forum \(GCTF\)](#).



### Online approach Making young people more resilient

A strategy, known as the [Enhanced Approach Online to extremist and terrorist content](#), has been developed to counter online radicalisation and recruitment, which sometimes targets very young teenagers. This is a systematic strategy covering a range of areas: dialogue with the internet sector, European legislation, joint international efforts and a local approach focusing on prevention. In this context the Dutch authorities are working closely with partners in the social domain and care sector.



### National cooperation Working with operational partners

A wide range of partners within the security, care and social domains are working together to prevent terrorist violence. This collaboration takes the form of sharing information, swiftly identifying individuals who pose a threat and providing them with guidance and supervision, prosecuting people if necessary and ensuring their safe reintegration into society. The need for additional measures is continuously assessed on the basis of the latest threat developments. In addition, partners in the migration system work together during the asylum and family reunification procedure to ensure that people who pose a threat are identified.



### Promoting expertise Developing knowledge and expertise

Central government supports partners involved in counterterrorism by promoting knowledge and expertise. For example, the [Central Government Training Institute for Countering Radicalisation](#) trains professionals, and the [National Support Center for Extremism](#) provides advice on and assistance with dealing with radicalisation and extremism. Central government also offers additional funds in this area for the local approach taken by municipalities, and invests in [research](#).